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SUBJECT: Obtaining Commitments to Discuss APDP at Bamako

¶1. This is an action request. See Para 3.

¶2. NSC and Department are eager to move forward on the Asia Pacific Democracy Partnership (APDP), which the President called for the formation of in his September 7 speech at APEC. The U.S. will host an organizing meeting of APDP on the sidelines of the upcoming Community of Democracies meeting in Bamako. The meeting is now scheduled to take place on the morning of Thursday 15 November at ¶10830. The working breakfast will be chaired by Under Secretary Dobriansky, and the Deputy Secretary is tentatively scheduled to attend.

¶3. Action Request: Post should approach host government at a senior level and seek a commitment to attend the meeting in Bamako. For countries that have already indicated they will attend the Bamako organizing meeting, posts should confirm planned attendance at the November 15 breakfast and encourage representation at an appropriate level.

¶4. Embassies may leave the following background information with host governments:

Following up on President Bush's speech at APEC calling for the creation of an Asia Pacific Democracy Partnership (APDP), the U.S. will host a working breakfast on Asia Pacific Democracy Partnership (APDP) on the sidelines of the Community of Democracies ministerial in Bamako, Mali. This meeting has tentatively been set on the morning of November 15, and will be chaired by Under Secretary for Democracy and Global Affairs Paula Dobriansky. The U.S. proposes that those countries attending the CD who intend to participate in the APDP join this working breakfast. The meeting will focus on:

- Finalizing the structure and discussing membership criteria
- Proposing initial activities
- Discussing APDP guiding principles
- Initial planning for a leaders' meeting to formally launch APDP in early 2008

Participants should come prepared to contribute their ideas and suggestions for APDP. Please confirm your participation in the breakfast no later than Wednesday, October 31. You may provide the name of participants at a later date.

¶5. Post should direct replies and feedback to desk, with a copy to John Kachtik (G).

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